THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 19th August 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The following members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats :—

M.R.Ry. Dharmastala Manjaya Hegde Avargal.
Mr. Robert George Grieve.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Fixed travelling allowance for demonstrators in the Agricultural department.

* 76 Q.— Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that demonstrators under the Agricultural department drawing Rs. 80 to Rs. 150 and those drawing Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 are allowed fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 15 and Rs. 10 respectively ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that they are given jurisdiction over two taluks ;

(*c*) how many days, on an average, per month they travel beyond five miles' distance from their headquarters ;

(*d*) how many days, every month, they remain at headquarters or travel only within a five-mile radius of their headquarters, on account of this restricted provision for their travelling allowance ; and

(*e*) the reason for not allowing these demonstrators travelling allowances as the other officers of Government ?